Policy 1992-97 and Hand Book of Procedures Vol-I.

Various schemes under EXIM Policy have been formulated to promote exports from all sectors including private sector in order to stimulate India's exports capabilities by facilitating access to required raw materials and capital goods at internationally competitive prices.

Exports Suffering, due to Lack of Infrastructural Facilities

2025. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) has recently informed Government that exports were suffering due to lack of infrastructural facilities and their poor upkeep, as per the report in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 28th February, 1995 captioned "poor infrastructure hits exports: FIEO";

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) At the Board of Trade Meeting held on 24th Feb., 1995 under the Chairmanship of Commerce Minister, the Federation of Indian Export Organisations submitted a set of suggestions including the need for strengthening physical infrastructure. The areas in which improvement has been sought are power, transportation & communication.

(c) Government has initiated several steps for infrastructure development in the country as also for better upkeep of existing infrastructure facilities. Private sector participation is being encouraged *in* infrastructure development activities. This Ministry regularly hold meetings of Standing Committee on Promotion of Exports by Air & Shipping (SCOPE-AIR and SCOPE-SHIPPING) to address issues concerning export infrastructure. A Centrally Sponsored Export Promotion Industrial Parks Scheme has also been formulated to assist states in creating efficient infrastructure for Export-Production.

Quotas Imposed by World Trade Organisation

2026. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued notification conceding World Trade Organisation's right to impose quotas on garments and textile clothings of the country;

(b) if so, whether the system itself from abroad has caused damages to Indian exporters; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Recommendations by Extreme Focus Groups

2027. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the recommendations made by the 34 extreme focus groups for suggesting measures to boost exports had not been accepted by Government; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have now decided to review these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir, the Action plan included the major recommendations made by the Groups on 'Extreme Focus Products' identified by the Board of Trade, Ministry of Commerce.